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S?ECT: GNZ CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. SECRETARY VANCE FEBRUARY 15 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER TALBOYS THROUGH THE NEW  
ZEALAND EMBASSY HERE. QUOTE:

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT WE IN NEW ZEALAND WERE  
SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC KILLING OF YOUR AMBASSADOR  
TO AFGHANISTAN. PLEASE ACCEPT THE SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES  
OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN SERVICE. END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO MR. TALBOYS.  
QUOTE:

DEAR BRIAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF  
CONDOLENCE ON THE SAD OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF OUR  
AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN, ADOLPH DUBS. SPIKE DUBS WAS ONE  
OF OUR ABLEST FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS AND WILL BE GREATLY  
MISSED BY EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM.

I KNOW THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY  
TOGETHER TO SEEK EFFECTIVE MEANS TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND  
VIOLENCE WHEREVER IT MAY OCCUR AS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO

SPIKE DUBS WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE PURSUIT OF  
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE RULE OF REASON.  
SINCERELY, CY  
END QUOTE.  
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*Dear Mr Secretary,*

I have been asked to pass to you the following message from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, Brian Talboys:

"I would like you to know that we in New Zealand were shocked to hear of the tragic killing of your Ambassador to Afghanistan. Please accept the sympathy and condolences of our Government and Foreign Service."

May I say to you also how sorry all of us here at the Embassy are about what has happened.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mervyn Norrish*

(M. Norrish)  
Ambassador

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